



Kentucky River Lock and Dam 10 public information and scoping workshop to be held Nov. 21

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District will hold a public information and scoping workshop from 1-8 p.m. on Nov. 21 at Boonesborough State Park's recreation hall in the campground area. Kentucky River Authority (KRA) will co-sponsor the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

The goals of the meeting are to inform the public of the alternatives plans for renovation and stabilization of the lock and dam and to explain the design process and schedule. Cost information will be provided on the six alternative plans, several of which consider a four-foot rise of the dam. Other plans include placing the navigation lock back in operation, or conversely, closing the lock. The lock is currently closed due to inoperable gate machinery.

The Corps of Engineers will gather comments from the public to provide to KRA in making its decision on the future of the structures. Comment sheets will be provided so visitors can make their written remarks part of the formal record by name or anonymously.

"After the workshop, Kentucky River Authority, the project sponsor, will be able to select the most effective alternative within their budget to safeguard the pool," said the Corps of Engineers project manager.

Another purpose of the meeting is to seek information on potential environmental, social or cultural impacts that would occur if changes to the lock or dam were made. Proper scoping of environmental studies is required by the National Environmental Protection Agency Policy Act (NEPA).

Booths will be set up and the public can discuss the project one-on-one on a walk-in basis with members of the engineering team and the Corp's engineering and scientific consultants. Stations with displays and maps will detail plan formulation and engineering design, water-level impacts, and environmental and cultural resources.

Kentucky River Lock and Dam 10 is owned and operated by the State of Kentucky, with oversight by KRA. In 2000 congress authorized up to \$24 million in improvements to the 95-year-old structure.

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